



# Viaduct Federation of Schools

## Year 2 Autumn 1 Curriculum Newsletter



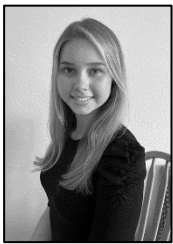
Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to Wyvern and to a brand new school year. We have an exciting Autumn half term planned for Year 2 with our topic 'Heroes'. We will be learning about real life heroes of the past. We will also be reading a variety of exciting stories about the adventures of Superheroes. You will have an opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher at the end of September with the consultation meetings, but if any issues arise in the meantime please do not hesitate to talk to your class teacher.

### Your Year 2 Teachers



Miss Meek – Head of Year 1, 2 & Elephant Class



Miss Scott – Zebra Class



Mrs Spence – Rhino Class

### Subject Overviews

#### English

Children will be beginning the year by reading the Traction Man series. They will be retelling the stories using expressive voices and will be writing them in their own words using exciting vocabulary. They will be learning to write complex sentences using a range of punctuation. We will be exploring this story using emotive language. We are going to be learning about a real-life heroine called Florence Nightingale. We will be practising writing in the past tense. Throughout the half term we will be concentrating on cursive handwriting and making sure that the letters are the right size and placed correctly on the line.

#### Maths

This half term children will continue to develop their place value skills with larger numbers. They will progress with their calculation skills in addition and subtraction. We will be beginning the year practising their number bonds to twenty. We will then be revising adding and subtracting on a number line and using mental strategies. Weekly we will have a dedicated calculation lesson where children will practise their mental maths. You can help your child by practising counting forwards and backwards in 2's, 5's and 10's. At home, please practise telling the time and recognising different coins.

#### Guided Reading

In Guided Reading sessions, children will have the opportunity to read to the teacher and practise their fluency and pace of reading. They will be answering comprehension questions on a text that is suited to their level of reading. They will learn how to find evidence in the text to answer a question. Each week the children will also share a class text. This half term we are focusing on fiction and will be reading a range of stories including, The Day the Crayons Quit and Don't Wake the Beastie.

#### RWI and Spelling

Children will be continuing RWI and following the RWI spelling programme. We are going to be focusing on reading with speed and accuracy. They will be reviewing their sounds and consolidating spelling words. They will also be learning to spell the Year 2 common exception words and words with suffixes such as **ly**, **ing** and **er**. They will be learning to spell using games and participating in partner and group work. The children will be given spellings to learn every week. They will have their spelling test each Monday.

## **Science**

In Science, the children will be learning about living things. They will be comparing different animals' features. They will also be learning about the importance of healthy eating, exercise and hygiene.

## **Computing**

Children will learn how to use technology safely and respectfully. They will be learning about how important it is to keep their personal information safe. Children will identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns online.

## **PE & Games**

This term in PE children will be working on Multi-Skills and Health Related Fitness. They will be focusing on overall health status including cardiovascular fitness, strength, and flexibility.

Year 2 children have PE on Thursdays.

## **Music**

In Year 2, we have a specialist music teacher, Mrs Rawlence. She will work with the children once a week to develop a wider appreciation for music and musical styles. This term the focus is on composing a piece of superhero music.

## **Topic**

In History we will be learning about real life superheroes. Children will learn about significant individuals from the past that have contributed to national and international achievements including Ruby Bridges and Mary Anning. Children will compare aspects of life in time periods. They will be using timelines to plot out historical events.

## **PSHE**

In PSHE, we will be focusing on mental health and recognising how our emotions change when dealing with loss, change and bullying. We will be transitioning the children back into Year 2 by concentrating on growth mindset lessons to support the children's wellbeing.

## **Art**

In this pathway children are introduced to the idea that artists can be collectors: they go out into the world, look at things in new ways, and bring things back to the studio to inspire their art. Children explore observational drawing and experimental mark making, and think about how they can use composition to create their artwork. The exercises and projects in this pathway encourage children to begin to develop hand-eye coordination through slow and paced looking.

## **Home Learning**

We ask that children read each day for 10 minutes. Each child in Year 2 will be issued with a level-appropriate reading book provided by school in week 2. It really helps their progress if they are heard regularly at home and we would be grateful if you could sign their personal log each time you hear them. The children will be set a new spelling list once a week. Their new lists are to be stuck into their personal logs. They will be tested on their spellings each Monday. We find that a few minutes every day really helps the children to learn and remember their spelling patterns and rules.

## Upcoming Events in Year 2

- 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of September- Parents Evening
- Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September – McMillan Coffee Morning
- 25<sup>th</sup> October- School Disco (during school time)

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### **Did you know we now have a Facebook page?**

We have created a Facebook page which will show any news and events across the Viaduct Federation of schools, it is titled 'The Bushfield and Wyvern Viaduct Federation of Schools'. Like us and keep up to date with any fun school events and news!

